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With Blessing of 3 Latin Leaders

Ray Reported New Cuba-Exile Chief

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Dr. Jose Miro Cardona and his Cuban Revolutionary Council have been replaced as the recognized exile leaders of the anti-Castro movement by Manuel Ray, the arch-enemy, Manuel Ray, The Miami Herald has learned.

Mr. Ray has taken over the post on the recommendation of three top Latin-American political leaders and with the blessing of the United States government. The three political figures are Puerto Rican Gov. Luis Munoz Marin; former Costa Rican President Jose Figueres and Venezuela's President Romulo Betancourt.

[In Washington a State Department expert on Cuba said he doubted whether the reported replacement of Dr. Miro Cardona was true. It also was doubted whether Mr. Ray and Dr. Miro Cardona were enemies, since each holds similar anti-Communist nationalist views.]

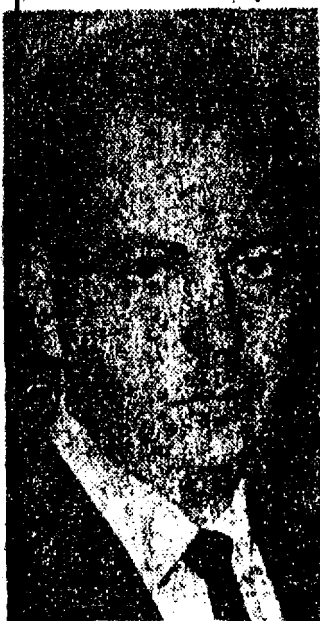
From a variety of sources, the Miami Herald learned that Dr. Miro Cardona was notified of the change only last week, although the switch had been forecast for some time.

Indicative of the move was an announcement Saturday night that Mr. Ray has been named "Chief in Exile" of the People's Revolutionary Movement in Cuba. He was removed from his post a year ago and took up residence in Puerto Rico, where he served as housing administrator under Gov. Munoz Marin. Mr. Ray's appointment came from the underground in Cuba, according to Joaquin Goda, provisional MRP head in Miami.

Expected shortly is an announcement of a new council to help him direct anti-Castro activities. Plans are being made under way to publish a new newspaper and provide anti-Castro radio scripts for co-operating stations throughout Latin America.

Mr. Ray, criticized by some Cubans to be of center position, is expected to have an early time co-ordinating and consolidating the mul-

titude of anti-Castro groups. However, the anti-Castro Social Backlash Latin-American movement is expected to be a convincing force.



Manuel Ray



Luis Munoz Marin



Jose Miro Cardona



Romulo Betancourt



Jose Figueres

law in New York. He was a White House liaison man with the Cubans during the ill-fated invasion, but as a State Department contact rather than as an associate of the Central Intelligence Agency, which directed the invasion.

[Reached in Great Barrington, Mass., Mr. Berle said the story of the shakeup in the Revolutionary Council was "entirely news to me." He said he had known Mr. Ray and others for several years but had had no contact with them for several months. He also said he was not involved in any way with the anti-Castro movement in this country.]

actions that they can make until it is a mere skeleton of its once huge membership.

It was the inability of Dr. Miro Cardona and his once-powerful council to accomplish this that led to his elimination as the figurehead this week.

The council, which fell from favor when the U. S.-directed Cuban invasion failed in April, 1961, now had regained its force on Latin America.

Mr. Berle now holds no official position and is a practicing